

33. (Amended) A ~~floor or~~ ground surface waste assembly for receiving floor or appliance-generated waste; the assembly including;

a waste collecting receptacle including an open mouth for receiving waste products from a ~~floor~~ flooring surface or appliance and a well which is defined by a floor and which receptacle has terminates in an outlet in fluid communication with said mouth, the outlet connecting the waste assembly to a waste drainage line for eventual discharge of said waste; said collecting receptacle also including a recessed bearing surface extending at least partially about the periphery of said waste body and which is capable of supporting thereon an insert which forms part of a ~~floor~~ flooring; wherein, the insert forms a lid closing the receptacle so that the lid and receptacle when installed, are disposed below an upper flooring ~~floor~~ surface and wherein, the insert is capable of directly receiving and retaining a grate or appliance outlet; wherein the grate or appliance outlet may be positioned in an opening formed in the lid under a ~~floor~~ flooring surface level and at a height to accommodate a thickness of a floor cladding and at any location in the area of the insert and within the periphery of the collecting receptacle thereby allowing the assembly to accommodate a predetermined pattern, layout or configuration of ~~floor~~ flooring or ground cladding; wherein the assembly allows the grate or appliance outlet to be positioned in the insert not necessarily in alignment with under floor drainage plumbing; wherein the lid insert and receptacle are arranged so that when the grate or appliance outlet is disposed in the lid, surface water on the flooring ~~floor~~ can escape only via the inside of the receptacle.

34. A waste assembly according to claim 33 wherein said bearing surface is provided by a shoulder formed in the waste body; the bearing surface terminating in a peripheral wall defining a space in which said insert is placed.

35. A waste assembly according to claim 34 wherein said bearing surface includes projections which engage an underside surface of said insert thereby creating a gap between said shoulder and said insert to allow passage of waste therethrough.

36. (Amended) A waste assembly according to claim 35 wherein said peripheral wall terminates in a peripheral flange; wherein an underside surface of the flange engages a ~~floor or~~ support structure.

37. (Amended) A waste assembly according to claim 36 wherein said outlet for connecting the collecting receptacle to said drainage waste line extends from a low point of said floor receptacle.

38. A waste assembly according to claim 37 wherein said outlet for connecting the receptacle to said drainage line extends from a side wall of said receptacle.

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40. (Amended) A waste assembly according to claim 39 33 wherein the mouth of said waste body is square or rectangular.

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49. (New) A waste assembly for receiving waste; the assembly including;  
a waste collecting receptacle including an open mouth for receiving waste products from a flooring surface or appliance and a well which is defined by a floor and which receptacle has an outlet in fluid communication with said mouth, the outlet connecting the waste assembly to a waste drainage line for eventual discharge of said waste; said collecting receptacle also including a recessed bearing surface extending at least partially about the periphery of said waste body and which is capable of supporting thereon an insert which forms part of the flooring; wherein, the insert forms a lid closing the receptacle so that the lid and receptacle when installed, are disposed below an upper flooring surface and wherein, the insert is capable of receiving and retaining a grate or appliance outlet; wherein the grate or appliance outlet may be positioned in an opening formed in the lid under a flooring surface level

and at a height to accommodate a thickness of a flooring cladding and at any location in the area of the insert and within the periphery of the collecting receptacle thereby allowing the assembly to accommodate a predetermined pattern, layout or configuration of flooring or ground cladding; wherein the assembly allows the grate or appliance outlet to be positioned in the insert not necessarily in alignment with under floor drainage plumbing; wherein the lid insert and receptacle are arranged so that when the grate or appliance outlet is disposed in the lid, surface water on the flooring can escape only via the inside of the receptacle, there being between said bearing surface and an underside surface of said insert, a gap to allow passage of waste therethrough.

50. (New) A waste assembly according to claim 49 wherein said bearing surface includes projections which engage the underside surface of said insert thereby creating the gap.

51. (New) A waste assembly according to claim 49 wherein said outlet for connecting the collecting receptacle to said drainage waste line extends from a low point of said floor.

52. A waste assembly according to claim 49 wherein said outlet for connecting the receptacle to said drainage line extends from a side wall of said receptacle.

53. (Amended) A waste assembly according to claim 49 wherein the mouth of said waste body is square or rectangular.

reference. In order to avoid confusion and in view of earlier discussion with the examiner in which the term "floor" was agreed as acceptable, the term "floor" is now used to refer to the lower structure of the claimed container (unless otherwise indicated) while the term "flooring" is now used to refer to the lower or walking surface of a room etc.

New claim 49 is based on the recitation of a gap bearing surface and an underside surface of said insert, a gap to allow passage of waste. This feature is not shown or suggested by the PCT reference.

Accordingly, it is requested that the attached amended claims be considered and that allowance of the application is in order as agreed in principle in discussions with the examiner. The examiner is encouraged to make minor amendments as required to achieve allowance or to contact the undersigned by phone, fax or email to make any required changes.

Regards,



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Encl: amended and new claims 33-53